#### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A light absorbent composition, which comprises a styryl dye and said styryl dye substantially absorbs a visible light with a wavelength of around 400 nm and being represented by Formula 1:

$$R_1$$
I
$$(\Phi_1 - C = CH - \Phi_2) X_n$$

wherein in Formula 1,  $\Phi_1$  represents a heterocycle represented by any one of Formulae 2 to 8;  $\Phi_2$  represents an aromatic ring which has a substituent selected from the group consisting of halogen, eyanscyano, nitro, and carboxy, or heterocycle having one or more nitrogen atoms;  $R_1$  represents a hydrogen atom, an aliphatic hydrocarbon group, ether group, acyl group, halogen, or cyano group, and the aliphatic hydrocarbon group, ether group, or acyl group may have a substituent; X represents an organic metal complex as a counter ion; and "n" is a number of X to balance the electric charge in the styryl dye:

# Formula 2:

### Formula 3:

$$\underbrace{\mathsf{A}}_{\mathsf{R}_2}^{\mathsf{S}}$$

# Formula 4:

### Formula 5:

Formula 6:

Formula 7:

Formula 8:

throughout Formulae 2 to 7, A represents an optionally substituted monocyclic- or polycyclic-aromatic ring or heterocycle; when A is not present in Formulae 2 to 7, one or more substituents similar to those that are bound to A may be in the position where A is located; throughout Formulae 2 to 8,  $R_2$  represents an optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group and  $R_3$  represents a hydrogen or an optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group that it hydrocarbon group which is identical to or different from  $R_2$ .

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- 7. (Previously Presented) The light absorbent composition of claim 6, which contains one or more other organic dye compounds sensitive to a visible light.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The light absorbent composition of claim 6, which further contains one or more appropriate light-resistant improvers.

#### 9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) An optional recording medium comprising a styryl dye represented by Formula 1 and capable of recording information by using a laser beam with a wavelength of 450 nm or shorter, said styryl dye substantially absorbing a visible light with a wavelength of around 400 nm: Formula 1:

$$\begin{array}{c}
R_1 \\
I \\
(\Phi_1 - C = CH - \Phi_2) X \overline{n}
\end{array}$$

wherein in Formula 1,  $\emptyset$ 1 represents a heterocycle represented by any one of Formulae 2 to 8;  $\emptyset$ 2 represents an aromatic ring which has a substituent selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, and carboxy, or heterocycle having one or more nitrogen atoms;  $R_1$  represents a hydrogen atom, an aliphatic hydrocarbon group, ether group, acyl group, halogen, or cyano group, and the aliphatic hydrocarbon group, ether group, or acyl

group may have a substituent; X represents an organic metal complex ion as a counter ion; and "n" is a number of X to balance the electric charge in the styryl dye:

Formula 2:

$$\underbrace{\mathsf{A}}_{\mathsf{R}_2}^{\mathsf{O}}$$

Formula 3:

$$\underbrace{\mathsf{A}}_{\mathsf{R}_2}^{\mathsf{S}}$$

Formula 4:

$$\underbrace{\mathsf{A}}_{\mathsf{N}^+}^{\mathsf{R}_3}$$

Formula 5:

Formula 6:

Formula 7:

Formula 8:

throughout Formulae 2 to 7, A represents an optionally substituted monocyclic- or polycyclic-aromatic ring or heterocycle; when A is not present in Formulae 2 to 7, one or more substituents similar to those that are bound to A may be in the position where A is located; throughout Formulae 2 to 8,  $R_2$  represents an optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group and  $R_3$  represents a hydrogen or an optionally substituted aliphatic hydrocarbon group that it identical to or different from  $R_2$ .

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- 11. (Previously Presented) The optical recording medium of claim 10, which further contains one or more other organic dye compounds sensitive to a visible light.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The optical recording medium of claim 10, which further contains one or more appropriate light-resistant improvers in a recording layer.

Claims 13-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The light absorbent composition of claim 7, which further contains one or more appropriate light-resistant improvers.

Claims 16-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The optical recording medium of claim 11, which further contains one or more appropriate light-resistant improvers in a recording layer.

Claims 19-20. (Canceled)